

## GERMAN FOOD CRISIS ACUTE, PAPERS SHOW

## Teuton Press Urges Use of

## EAT FLOWER BULBS.

### Utilization of Holland's Surplus Supply for Soup

COFFEE MADE FROM  
BLACKBERRY LEAVES

## Mixtures of Meat, Fish and Chemicals Will Be Placed on Sale

*Special Cable Dispatch to Times*  
LONDON, Feb. 9.—While the German newspapers are telling of the Kaiser and his armies marching on from victory to victory and are relating daily new exploits calculated to stir the people to enthusiasm, the fact that Germany actually is on the verge of star-

This conclusion is not founded on the statements of alleged "neutrals," whose impressions necessarily are biased, but is based on reports of the actual conditions as related by the subjects.

The theory is advanced that the Berlin Government encourages the publication of alarming reports on the food situation with a view to misleading the enemy. This obviously is absurd. The German press is filled not only with reports of a most serious food crisis but

with advertisements of substitutes for missing articles of diet and the feverish activities of scientists seeking to discover new foodstuffs.

It is obvious that the Government does not encourage the publication of advertisements like the following, displayed in Berlin papers:

"In view of the great shortage of

fats, hotels, restaurants and all cooks are urged to make use of the new apparatus called the Fatseparator, which inserted in an ordinary sink prevents a particle of fatty matter from slipping through into the drain."

Wolff's grocery of Hagen offers high prices for peanuts, but scorns

**Vorwärts**, the Berlin Socialist daily, cites the case of a Fuenstewald butcher who offers to sell a pound of fat to clients buying hog-groins with gold coins.

Those familiar with German appetites will realize the gravity of the situation by examining the daily menus printed in the newspapers. The following are taken from the Hamburg *Freidenksblatt*:

FRIDAY, DENNIS. ★  
Barley soup.  
Pumpkin.  
Pickled beets, butter &c.

FRIDAY—DINNER  
Potato soup  
Fitch pie  
SATURDAY—DINNER  
Potato soup  
cabbage soup, parried  
in Kitchendog  
The *Magdeburgische Zeitung* presents  
a most serious situation.

### On Verge of Famine.

lived during the last decades must be beyond the measure which must be observed in these things. To live beyond one's means has become the rule with us. We need to call it 'confession', a condition contracted externally and internally with Mammonism, the worship of money, the appalling of all things, including our conduct and sentiment.

in terms of money. "Confucianism and Maoism" are two foreign words which we do not wish to translate into German, as they are imported from abroad, one from England, the other from America. Now these two phenomena will have to disappear if the period of hungering on a large scale is not to lead to armed conflict.

"We are now faced with a rise of from 50 to 100 per cent in the cost of vegetables. The price of sauerkraut has doubled, with a risk of a further increase. At the same time cabbages by the thousand are rotting in the fields, and salt and water for pickling are available."

any quantity. As though the people were not already sufficiently tried in saving to pay such exorbitant sums for sauerkraut, stuff is sold to them in many cases mixed with leaves and stalks to a disgraceful extent. We would urgently call the attention of the authorities to this gross scandal!"

"The Government has intervened at the eleventh hour in the meat crisis. The institution of 'meatless days' has certainly been acceptable as a palliative, in view of the extraordinary scarcity of

"The authorities in their reforming action to adopt any method tending to a betterment of the sustenance of the people, have been successful in their

ture of 'D D meat.' This meat, which will shortly be on hand, is the only

will shortly be on sale at 33¢.